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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT : Photo Coverage of Suhe Baatar Province, Mongolia

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1. To date there has been no indication of movement of Soviet Forces into the Suhe Baatar Province.

2. The Province is characterized by poor lines of communications. It seems likely that the first indication of major Soviet movement into the area will be improvement of railroads and roads and establishment of construction camps.

3. Suhe Baatar Province was covered on [REDACTED]  
We have not observed any new activity identifiable as that outlined above or indicative of the Border Guard increases alleged in Ref.

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4. Since March would be somewhat early for extensive construction in the area we have initiated action requesting coverage on [REDACTED]

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Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC

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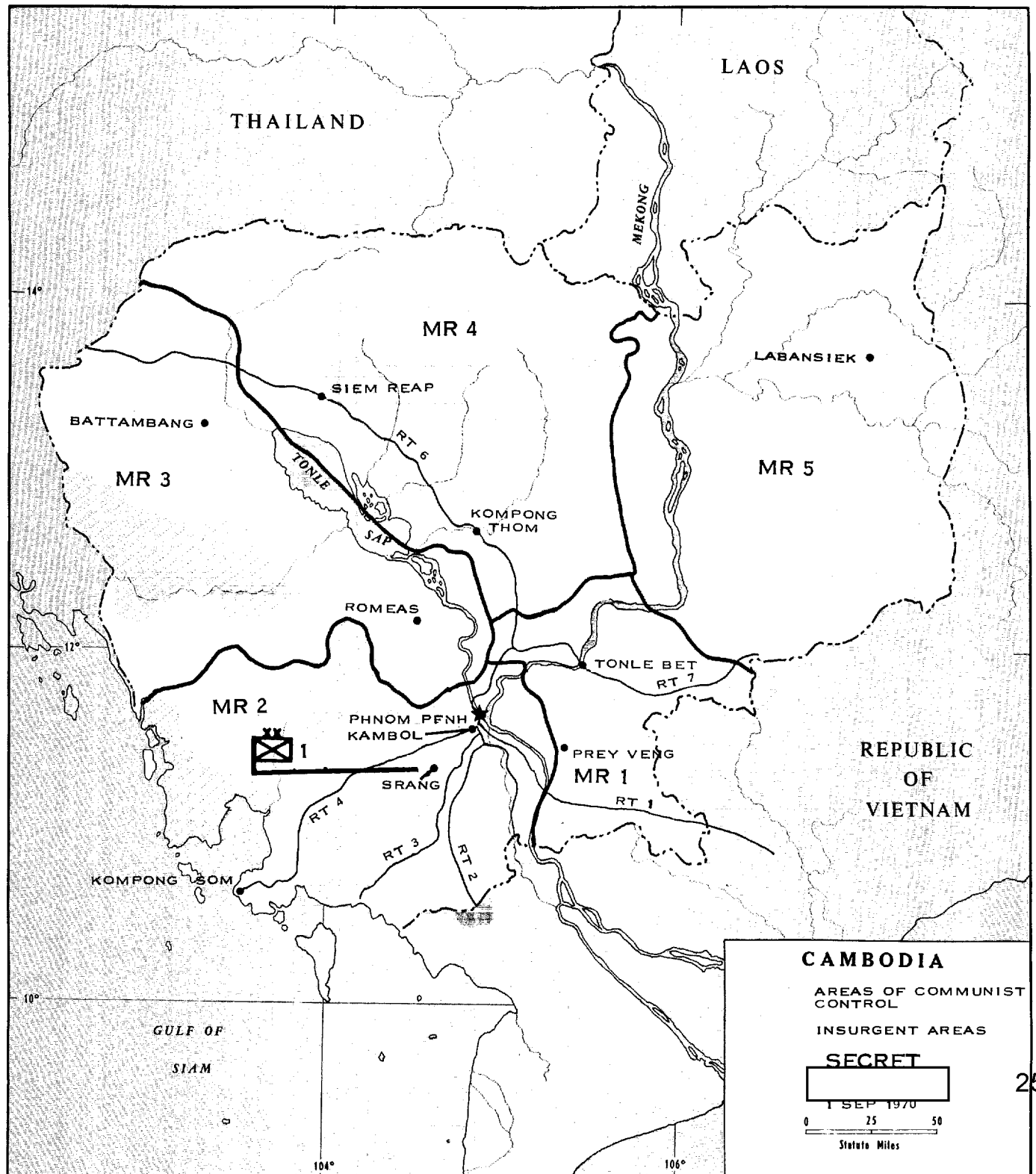
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Cambodian Situation

Enemy activity in Cambodia still consists of small-scale attacks, one of which was mounted near Phnom Penh yesterday.

Mortar fire yesterday on the Kambol training center, some three miles southwest of Phnom Penh's Pochentong Airport, apparently caused only light losses. The attack was the closest to the capital since mortar rounds impacted just east of there on 20 August.

FANK positions at Srang were attacked on 30 August for the third day in a row. The battalion of defenders evacuated the town by noon, leaving the area open for air strikes. Later that day, two battalions of reinforcements reached the FANK position north of the town. Yesterday, three FANK battalions launched a counterattack to retake Srang. Enemy resistance halted this operation at Bakka, about one mile north of the objective. Friendly casualties were two killed and 15 wounded. A second counterattack was initiated this morning. Some 300 enemy troops were estimated to have engaged in the 28 August attack. Hq, 1st NVA Division, is some 10 miles west of Srang, and subordinate elements may have taken part in the action.

A FANK unit contacted an enemy force 30 miles northwest of Siem Reap on Route 6 on 30 August. Two Cambodians were killed and six wounded; enemy losses are not known. Communist activity around Siem Reap has remained low for the past month but may increase soon as a number of reports indicate that additional enemy forces have entered the area.

Romeas in Military Region (MR) 3 was hit by a ground and mortar attack on 30 August. Air support

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was called in, and the enemy withdrew the next morning. Mortar fire on Tonle Bet in MR 1 on the 29th and on Kompong Thom in MR 4 on the 30th caused light casualties.

Prime Minister Lon Nol believes that the Communists will make another major effort to take Kompong Thom because it blocks a linkup between the Mekong River and Battambang, which he views as their goal in northern Cambodia. Lon Nol thinks the enemy has been held back by logistic difficulties arising from the wet season.

Kompong Thom has twice been subjected to determined enemy attacks. These operations and the government's tenacity in holding the town show how important it is to both sides. [REDACTED]

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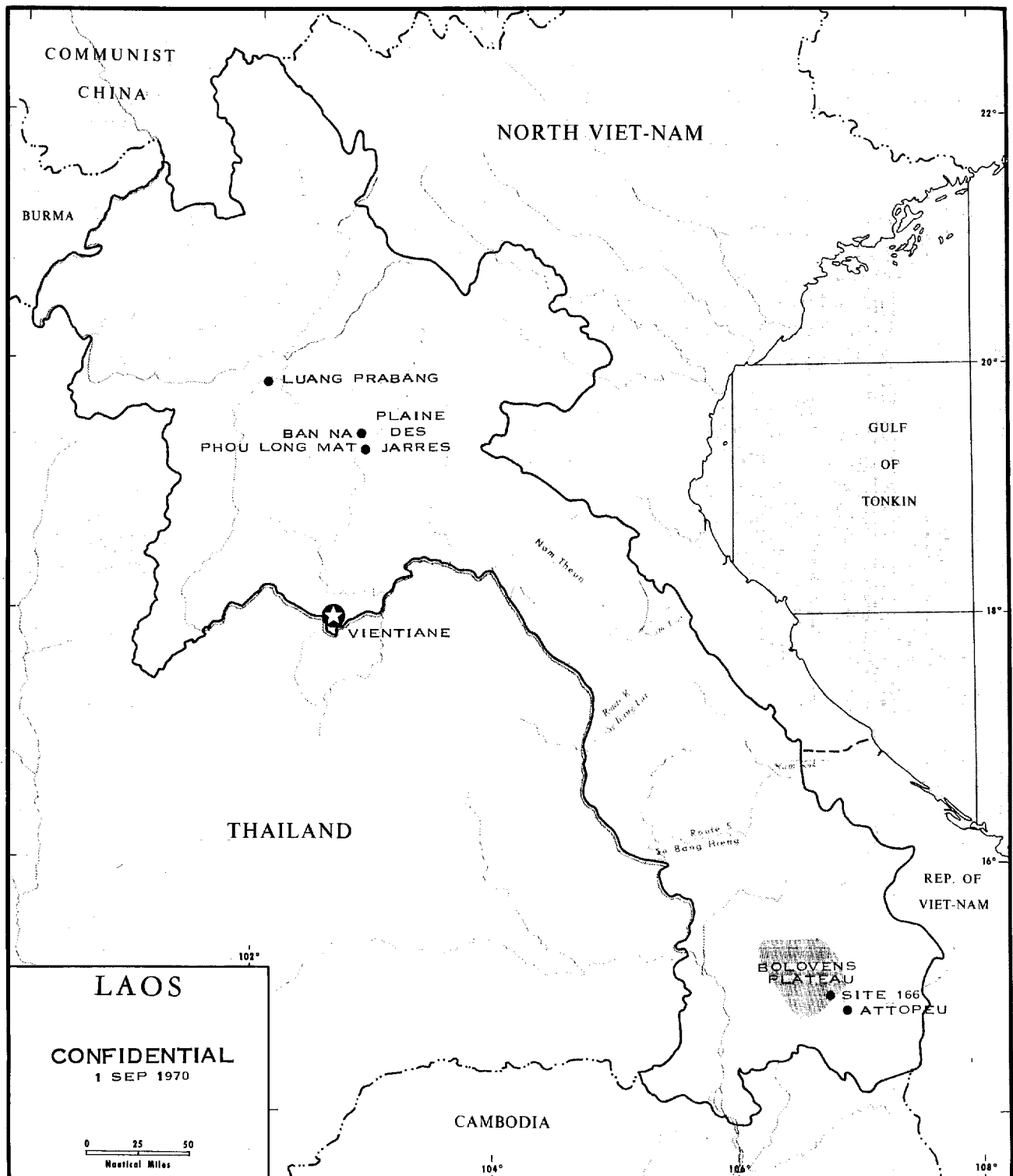
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Military Situation in Laos

Government setbacks west of Luang Prabang and on the Bolovens Plateau have characterized recent fighting in Laos.

From 20 to 26 August, government irregulars on a sweep-and-clear operation some 18 miles west of Luang Prabang engaged enemy forces, probably the 490th Pathet Lao Battalion with NVA advisers. After several company-size encounters, government forces regrouped under the cover of tactical air support. Only light contact with the enemy has been reported since 26 August. Reports of enemy casualties, undoubtedly exaggerated, claim 91 killed and 96 wounded. Government losses were 31 killed and 11 wounded.

Southwest of the Plaine des Jarres, government forces commanded by Gen Vang Pao are regrouping north and west of Ban Na after abandoning their positions for fear of being surrounded and exposed to fire from heavy weapons; a relief battalion from Phou Long Mat has made slight progress toward joining Vang Pao's troops.

In southern Laos, four government irregular companies near Site 166 on the eastern edge of the Bolovens Plateau came under intense attack on 29 August. Enemy forces withdrew after killing 20 and wounding 41 government troops. Communist casualties were light. Such attacks are likely to continue. Recent communications speak of the enemy's intent to neutralize government positions on the eastern side of the Plateau to provide security for logistics activity throughout the region.

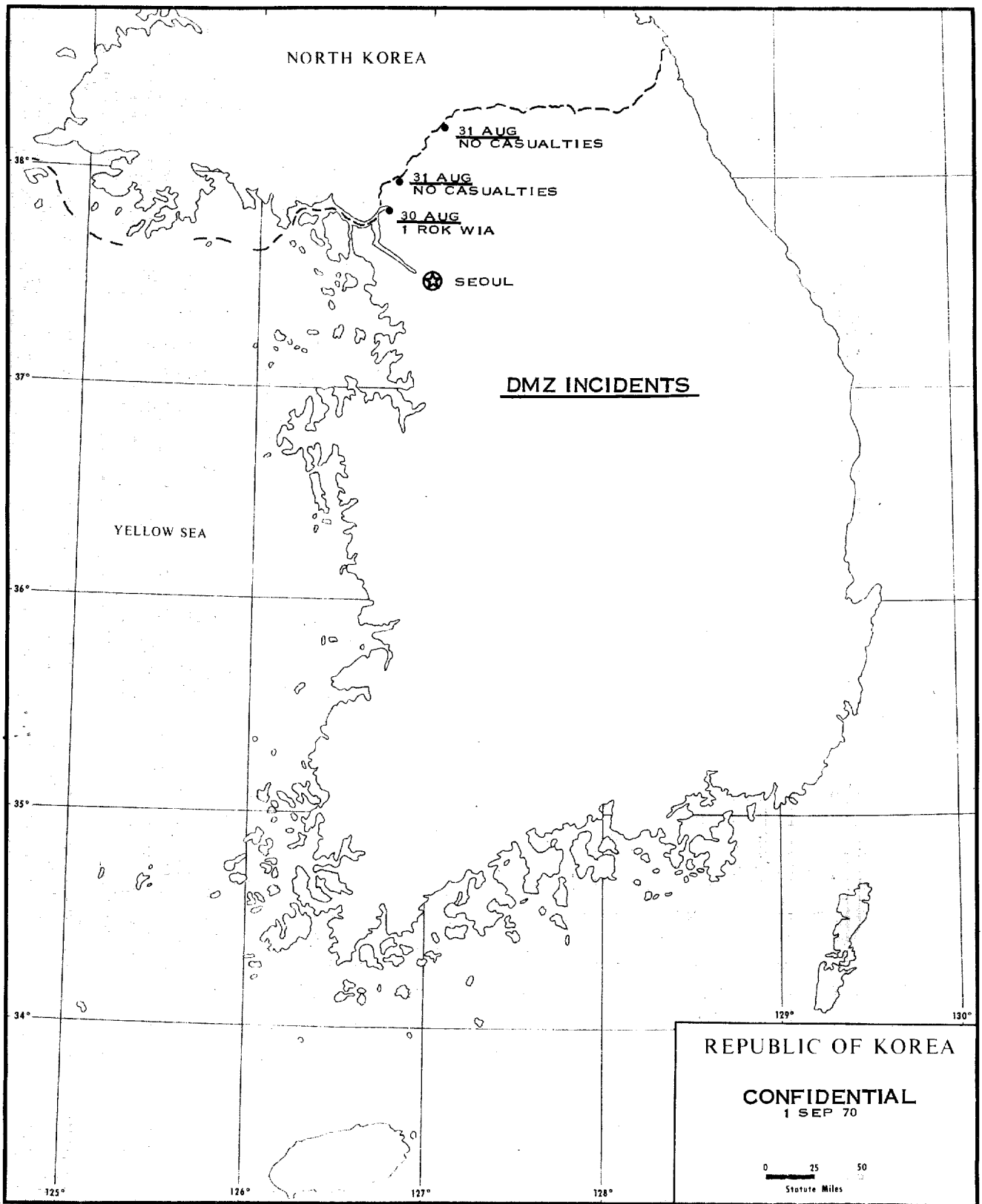
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End of Lull in Korean Demilitarized Zone

Three incidents have ended a month-long lull in the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

Early on 30 August, a Republic of Korea (ROK) sentry was wounded by an escaping intruder at the western end of the DMZ. Various items of equipment were discovered in the ensuing search. These included a battery, radio crystals, hand tools, clothing, personal items, and 105 rounds of small-arms ammunition.

In the central DMZ, ROK personnel exchanged fire with an unknown number of infiltrators early on the 31st; no casualties were reported. A second incident took place that day in the sector guarded by the 2d US Infantry Division. Two intruders were fired on but escaped.

The incidents bring to 23 the number recorded in the DMZ this year. A total of eight North Koreans have been killed, and one wounded intruder was captured. The South Koreans have lost two killed and six wounded. By this time last year, there had been 85 incidents, in which 11 North Koreans were killed at the cost of six South Koreans killed and 18 wounded.

The recent North Korean incursions were apparently to accomplish reconnaissance in the DMZ. Such activity is expected during the summer. [REDACTED]

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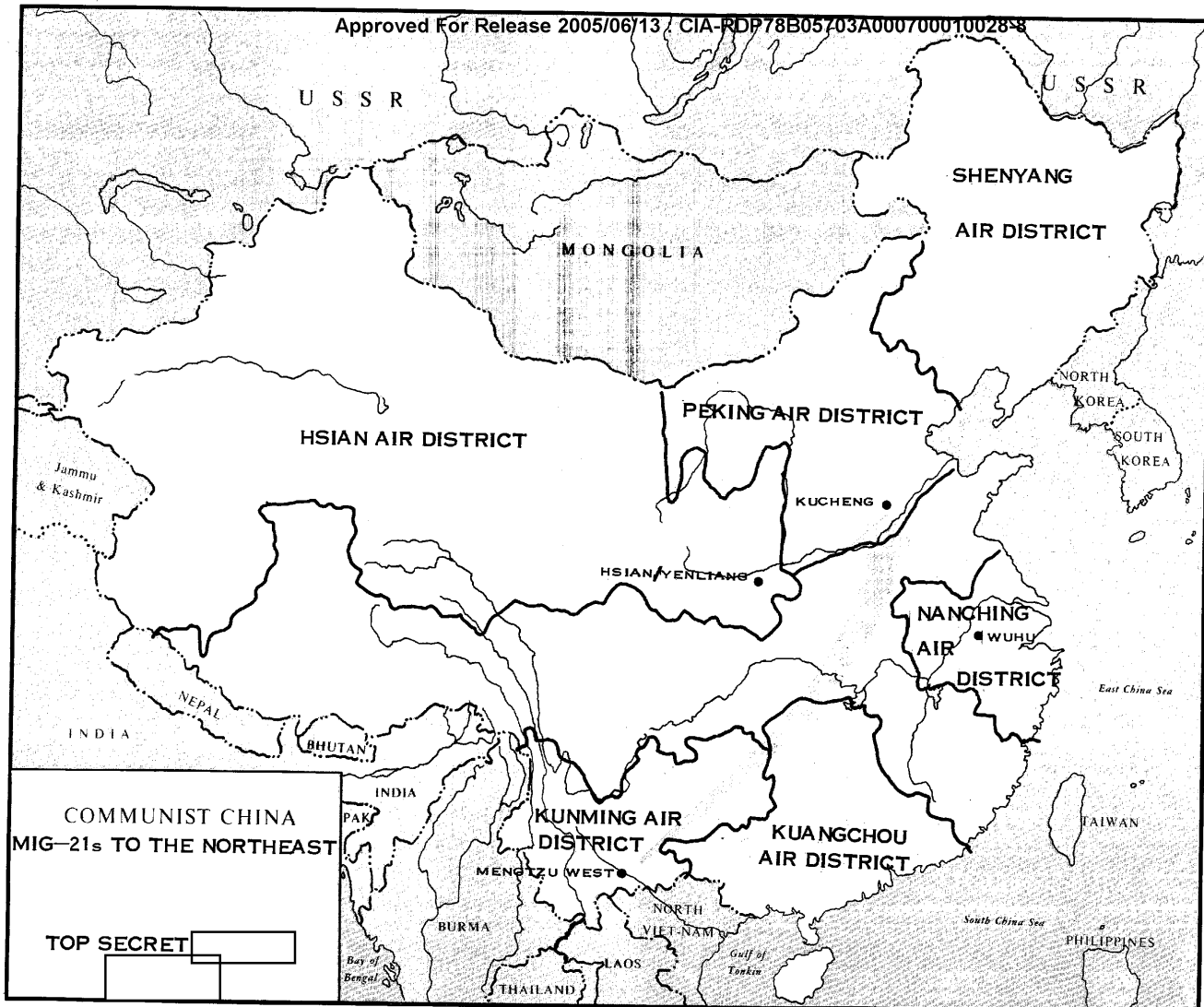
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